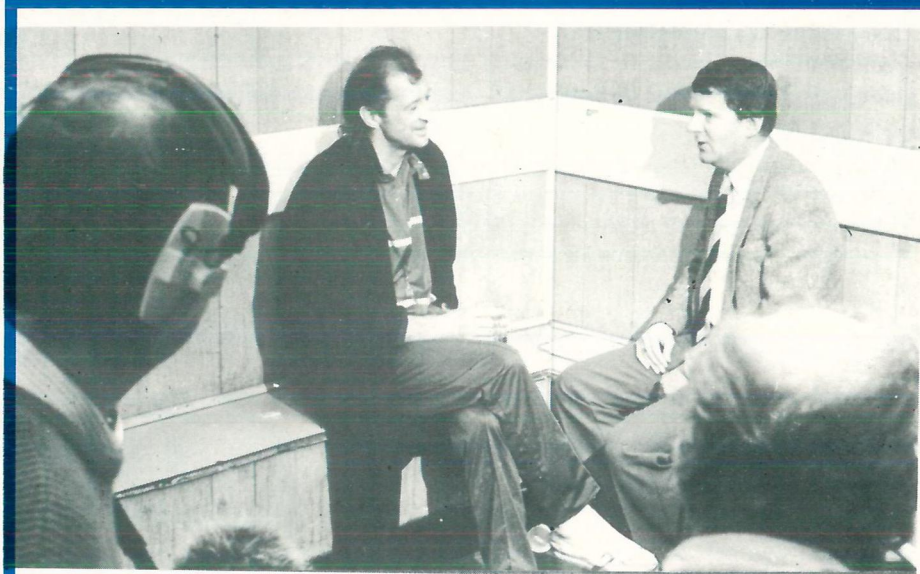


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# ASA'S VIEW!

by County Player-Manager  
Asa Hartford



After our best result of the season against Newport County a couple of weeks ago I expected much more of the players at Carlisle last weekend where we turned in one of our poorest performances of the season.

The attitude was all wrong - we started badly and it showed. This is something I have mentioned to the players time and time again and it's something we will have been working on in training this week.

One or two contracts are up at the end of the season and I would expect those players will want to improve on the sort of performance that was given at Brunton Park on Saturday.

Make no mistake, one or two players will be playing not only for their places in the next few months but their contracts for next season as well.

After our super show against Newport when we at last managed to take the chances which fell our way, we then turn in a 'shocker' like that at Carlisle and as you can see from the League table it has put us down in trouble in 91st place.

Frankly that's not good enough and I won't settle for it either. I cannot accept last week's performance. I expect players to give me everything - the commitment was not there.

Really we should be going to places like Carlisle, not just looking for a point, but with the attitude of winning. The players should have been bubbling after those three previous results, but again we started sloppily and paid the price.

Defenders Andy Thorpe and Jim Willis are both starting their second months loan with us, while I am glad to say that Mike Pickering is back in full training but will need a number of games yet before he is in line for a first-team recall.

The news of Tommy Sword and Ian Scott is not so good. Both are far from ready for a return, while we may have a few suspension problems soon with Steve Bullock and Bill Williams.

Bolton's visit tonight gives us the chance to settle a few old scores although they will be no pushovers having got themselves into the top three in the table in recent weeks.

## CLUB TALK

A topical look at events  
on the Edgeley Park scene

It's a funny old game is football - or at least that's how the saying goes.

Take the last couple of weeks at Edgeley Park for instance - we defeat Newport to move two places up the table with an emphatic 5-1 victory, then drop down again after a disappointing result at Carlisle.

No sooner were we on top of the world with that super show against the Welshmen, then we come down to earth with a bang going down 2-0 at Brunton Park.

The Newport game gave us hope - the Carlisle result brings home the reality - the reality that we are now lying 91st in the Football League.

Frankly this is not good enough and we know it. But the signs were there against Newport that we are a much better organised side than they were and so it proved.

Tonight's encounter with Bolton is an ideal opportunity for us to set the record straight for our two early reverses against them this season.

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FROM THE  
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with  
Mike Brennan



What a let down that defeat at Carlisle was after County had done so well in previous weeks.

Marvellous away draws at table topping Wolves and Leyton Orient were followed by that spectacular demolition job on Newport County which appeared to have made County safe from relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

After results like that Asa Hartford's men were in confident mood as they boarded the bus up the M6 to Cumbria on Saturday morning.

But things went badly wrong and County folded during one of their worst performances of the season. Carlisle are having a bad time themselves and don't forget they were recently given a thorough drubbing by non league minnows Macclesfield. But they still proved too strong for County on the day and Asa was not too far off the mark when he later complained about a lack of commitment.

And a good result from Newport means the whole situation is beginning to look slightly uncomfortable again. It certainly appears as if County are reserving their best performances for the top teams and let us hope that is the case tonight when Bolton Wanderers are the visitors.

A recent good run has seen the Burnden Park outfit force themselves among the promotion contenders and they are keen to regain some of their former glories. And there is a club connection of course - County backroom boy John Higgins was a member of the famous Bolton side who beat Munich, devastated Manchester United in the 1958 FA Cup final.

Certainly the incentive is there for County to pull out all the stops - the game is a local derby and County are still stinging from that FA Trophy defeat by the Lancastrians.

## LORD OF THE RINGERS

BY DAVID ESLEY WHO DID WEAR A RED NOSE LAST FRIDAY

DEREK ARRIVES HOME FROM THE CLUB TO SOME BAD NEWS ...



YOU CAN'T STAY LIKE THIS FOR EVER, LOVE - HE'S BEEN OUT THERE FOUR DAYS ALREADY







## BOLTON WANDERERS

# WELCOME

### TO EDGELEY PARK

BOLTON have improved considerably since their FRT visit here in November, having moved into promotion form with a number of impressive results that has taken them to third in the table.

However, they have had the odd setback, such as a recent 2-1 home defeat against Torquay United and an FA Cup Third Round exit at Second Division Barnsley.

Formed in 1874, Bolton Wanderers were one of the Football League's original members, turning professional in 1880 and becoming a limited company 15 years later.

Although they have never won the First Division Championship (the nearest they came was third in seasons 1891-92, 1920-21 and 1924-25) they have won the FA Cup on four occasions - in 1923 (the first Wembley final), 1926, 1929 and 1958. They have also been beaten finalists three times in 1894, 1904 and the famous 1953 final when they led Blackpool 3-1, but lost 4-3.

Nowadays Bolton have rather fallen from grace. Last season they slipped into Division Four for the first time in their distinguished history but so far look like making it a quick return, at the first time of asking.

The rot set in at Burnden Park in the 1960s when they were relegated from the First Division at the conclusion to the 1963-64 campaign. They missed out on promotion the following season in third place, but disaster struck at the end of the 1970-71 season when they fell into Division Three before winning the Third Division Championship in 1972-73.

After a couple of years coming close to re-gaining their lost status in Division One, they climbed out of the Second Division as Champions in 1977-78, but were relegated two seasons later.

At the end of the 1982-83 campaign "The Trotters" suffered relegation again to Division Three and after a number of seasons struggling near the bottom, they finally fell into Division Four last term, being beaten by Aldershot in the

## MEET THE BOSS



PHIL NEAL

Former Northampton Town, Liverpool and ex-England international, Phil Neal took over at Burnden Park in December 1985.

He succeeded Charlie Wright to become the Club's 12th post war boss, following in the footsteps of such well known figures as Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves to name but a few.

A native of Irchester, Neal was capped 50 times by England, the last occasion being against Denmark at Wembley in September 1983.

The Bolton boss began his career at Northampton Town in the 1968-69 campaign, where he made 206 first-team appearances before moving to Liverpool in 1974.

At Anfield he won medals galore; including FA Cup, Milk Cup, European Cup and League Championships.

Skipper of the Club against County in our famous Milk Cup battles in 1984. Neal made more than 450 appearances for the Reds.

end of the season play-offs 3-2 on aggregate.

Having hovered around mid-table earlier in the season, Bolton have, it appears, got their act together, playing good football and making a serious challenge for promotion.

At home they have had wins in the Barclays League against Cardiff City 1-0, Peterborough United 2-0, Halifax Town 2-0, Wolves 1-0, Carlisle United 5-0, Exeter City 1-0, Leyton Orient 1-0, Wroxham 2-0, ourselves 2-1, Scarborough 3-1 and last weekend against Hereford United 1-0.

With draws at Burnden Park against Crewe Alexandra 1-1, Swansea City 1-1, Cambridge United 2-2 and defeats to Hartlepool United 2-1 and Torquay United by a similar scoreline, Bolton have put together a good home record.

Away they have won at



County 'keeper **Chris Marples** makes a fine catch, during action from our 2-1 defeat at Burnden Park on Christmas Monday last. **Neil Bailey**, **Bill Williams** and **Steve Bullock** are the other Stockport players pictured.



# BOLTON WANDERERS LINE UP 1987-88 SEASON

**BACKROW:** (L-R) Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Dave Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley. **MIDDLE ROW (L-R):** Peter Nightingale (physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach). **FRONT ROW:** (L-R) Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce.



Hereford United 3-0, Newport County 1-0 and Peterborough United 4-0 while drawing with Scunthorpe United 1-1, Rochdale 2-2, Hartlepool United and Halifax Town both 0-0.

Defeats came at Scarborough 4-0, Torquay United 2-1, Darlington 1-0, Burnley 2-1, Colchester United 3-0 and Tranmere Rovers 2-0.

In the Littlewoods Cup they lost 3-1 at home to Wigan Athletic after winning 3-2 in the first leg at Springfield Park, while in the FA Cup they progressed through the first two rounds with victories over Burnley 1-0 and Wrexham 2-1 both away, before losing 3-1 at Barnsley in round three.

In the FRT they defeated themselves at Edgeley Park 3-1, drew 0-0 at Preston North End before losing 1-0 at Bury.

Former Grimsby Town 'keeper DAVID FELGATE has kept goal all season for the Wanderers having been signed for £16,000. He hails from Blaenau Ffestiniog and is a former Welsh International who has also seen service with Rochdale, Crewe Alexandra, Lincoln City and Cardiff City.

Denton born defender PAUL HUGHES made his debut against ourselves at Christmas, while fellow back DEREK SCOTT has been a regular for most of the season. He is a former England Schoolboy International.

In midfield tonight is likely to be ROBBIE SAVAGE who joined the Burnden Park payroll in

September from Bradford City where he made eight appearances last term. Savage is a native of Liverpool who began his career as an apprentice at Anfield before moving on to Wrexham, Stoke City and AFC Bournemouth.

Central defender MARK CAME has been a permanent fixture in the side this term. He joined the club from Northern Premier League side Winsford United in April 1984. Last season made 43 appearances.

Alongside him tonight should be one time Plymouth Argyle man DAVE SUTTON. He is a native of

United and lists Mansfield Town and Birmingham City as his former clubs. Scored one of the goals against County at Burnden Park on Christmas Monday. He hails from Harborough.

Quickly approaching almost 200 league games for the club is mid-field man STEVE THOMPSON who hails from Oldham. He made his Bolton baptism in the 1982-83 campaign and has been almost a regular in the side ever since, while striker JOHN THOMAS has notched 20 League and Cup goals this term already.

Almost ever present this term, Thomas joined the Burnden Park staff from Chester City. He was previously with Tranmere Rovers, Halifax Town, Lincoln City and Preston North End. He comes from Wednesbury in the Midlands but started his playing career with Everton, but never made their first-team.

Others who should be in contention for places in Manager Phil Neal's squad tonight could include forwards TREVOR MORGAN former AFC Bournemouth, Mansfield Town, Bristol City, Exeter City and Bristol Rovers man who joined the Bolton payroll in the summer for £20,000 and winger NICKY BROOKMAN.

Brookman was with Newport County, Wrexham and Aston Villa prior to joining Bolton and is a native of Manchester. Has been in and out of the side this term.

There could also be shirts tonight too for former Grimsby Town man GARY HENSHAW, substitute in recent games and Lancaster-born IAN STEVENS

## MATCH RESULTS PAST 7 MEETINGS

|         | HOME | AWAY |
|---------|------|------|
| 1987-88 | -    | 1-2  |
| 1910-11 | 0-1  | 2-2  |
| 1908-9  | 0-1  | 1-4  |
| 1903-4  | 3-2  | 1-0  |

**P7 W3 D1 L3 F9 A11**  
(County's details given first)

Tarleton near Preston, who lists Reading, Huddersfield Town and Crewe Alexandra as his former clubs. Signed by Wanderers for £12,000 in the summer of 1985, he made 30 appearances last season.

STUART STORER is currently on loan from Everton. He made his debut on Boxing Day at Hartlepool





# Home and Away



♦ Simply magnificent! That's perhaps the only way to describe County's exciting goal extravaganza against Newport County here a fortnight ago. At first it looked like a night of struggle, before that is **PAUL HENDRIE** (above) 'stole in' to snatch that all important equaliser after 27 minutes. Then five minutes into the second-half, **BOB COLVILLE** 'ghosted' in for number two (below) and we were on our way to a memorable victory.





# with County



♦ Goal of the Season? - Well **ALAN BIRCH'S** effort (above) certainly had class stamped all over it. This well judged lob left Newport 'keeper **DAVE COLES** clutching at thin air, while **LES ROBINSON** fires in number four (below) and striker **BOB COLVILLE** completed the rout five minutes from time with number five.







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across the River Tawe, follow signs to 'Gower' down Fabian Way and Oystermouth Road on A4067. Turn right at Argyle Street to Vetch Field and Swansea City Football Ground. Total miles: 223.

♦ County will play in their change colours of all red for both fixtures.

Popular Side fanatic Andrew Gosling wrote to us recently having compiled a table of players statistics from Match Magazine ratings. The table makes very interesting reading and we thank him for his efforts.

### PLAYERS AVERAGES (League up to and including Leyton Orient (a))

| PLAYER         | MATCHES PLAYED | AVERAGE | STAR MAN RATING |
|----------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|
| F. Worthington | 9              | 7.22    | 3               |
| A. Hartford    | 14             | 6.93    | 1               |
| T. Sword       | 5              | 6.80    |                 |
| C. Evans       | 5              | 6.80    |                 |
| C. Marples     | 28             | 6.75    | 3               |
| D. Cronin      | 8              | 6.75    | 1               |
| I. Chandler    | 4              | 6.75    |                 |
| L. Edwards     | 12             | 6.67    | 1               |
| L. Robinson    | 28             | 6.61    | 4               |
| P. Hendrie     | 5              | 6.60    |                 |
| A. Hodgkinson  | 24             | 6.58    | 7               |
| B. Williams    | 28             | 6.57    | 3               |
| B. Colville    | 22             | 6.55    | 2               |
| S. Bullock     | 28             | 6.36    | 1               |
| N. Bailey      | 24             | 6.33    |                 |
| A. Birch       | 16             | 6.25    |                 |
| C. Farnaby     | 10             | 6.20    | 1               |
| I. McKenzie    | 5              | 6.20    |                 |
| S. Burke       | 5              | 6.20    |                 |
| I. Scott       | 14             | 6.14    |                 |
| W. Entwistle   | 8              | 6.00    |                 |
| M. Pickering   | 5              | 6.00    |                 |
| N. Mills       | 5              | 6.00    |                 |
| J. Willis      | 4              | 6.00    |                 |
| A. Thorpe      | 2              | 6.00    |                 |

## MATCH MASCOT



Ten-year-old Adam Scattergood from Bradbury is our County Match Mascot this evening.

Adam's hobbies are football and golf, playing for his school side Arden Juniors and his club team Cherry Tree Celtic.

He is also a keen young golfer, showing off his talents at New Mills Golf Club.

Adam said he was looking forward to meeting Asa and the team - Adam your big night has arrived.

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|--------|---------------------------|------|-----|-------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Aug 15 | S SWANSEA CITY            | L0-2 | 20  | 2,482 | Marples  | Evans     | Bailey     | Robinson▼  | Sword◆      | Williams  |
| Aug 18 | T CARLISLE UNITED (LCI)   | L0-1 | -   | 1,476 | Marples  | Evans     | Bailey     | Robinson   | Sword☆      | Williams  |
| Aug 22 | S Darlington              | W2-1 | 13  | 1,744 | Marples  | Evans2▲   | McKenzie   | Robinson   | Sword       | Williams  |
| Aug 25 | T Carlisle United (LCI)   | L0-3 | -   | 2,174 | Marples  | Evans     | McKenzie   | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Aug 28 | F TRANMERE ROVERS         | L1-2 | 20  | 2,228 | Marples  | Evans     | McKenzie   | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Aug 31 | M Newport County          | W2-1 | 11  | 1,626 | Marples  | Evans1    | McKenzie   | Robinson   | Bullock◆☆   | Williams  |
| Sep 4  | F CARLISLE UNITED         | W3-0 | 5   | 2,257 | Marples  | Evans1    | Bailey     | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Sep 12 | S Rochdale                | W1-0 | 3   | 2,700 | Marples  | Scott D◆  | Bailey     | Robinson☆  | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Sep 15 | T LEYTON ORIENT           | L1-2 | 6   | 2,560 | Marples  | Scott     | Bailey     | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Sep 19 | S WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.     | L0-2 | 11  | 2,233 | Marples  | Scott◆    | Bailey◆    | Robinson☆  | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Sep 26 | S Wrexham                 | L1-2 | 14  | 1,841 | Marples☆ | Scott     | McKenzie◆▼ | Robinson   | Bullock◆    | Williams  |
| Sep 29 | T Scunthorpe United       | D0-0 | 15  | 2,191 | Marples  | Scott     | Bailey     | Robinson   | Bullock☆    | Williams  |
| Oct 2  | F CARDIFF CITY            | L0-1 | 19  | 2,232 | Marples☆ | Scott     | Bailey     | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Oct 10 | S PETERBOROUGH UNITED     | L0-1 | 20  | 1,544 | Marples  | Farnaby▼1 | Bailey☆    | Robinson   | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Oct 16 | F Halifax Town            | L0-2 | 21  | 1,696 | Marples  | Scott◆    | Bailey     | Robinson   | Bullock☆    | Williams  |
| Oct 20 | T Crewe Alexandra         | L1-3 | 21  | 2,251 | Marples  | Farnaby◆  | Bailey     | Robinson☆  | Bullock     | Williams  |
| Oct 23 | F HEREFORD UNITED         | L0-2 | 21  | 1,566 | Marples☆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | PickeringD  | Williams  |
| Oct 27 | T Preston N.E. (FRT)      | L2-5 | -   | 1,968 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering   | Williams  |
| Oct 31 | S Burnley                 | D1-1 | 21  | 6,642 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering   | Williams  |
| Nov 3  | T HARTLEPOOL UNITED       | W1-0 | 20  | 1,408 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering   | Williams◆ |
| Nov 6  | F TORQUAY UNITED          | W2-1 | 19  | 1,697 | Marples  | Bullock◆  | Bailey     | Robinson☆1 | Pickering▼  | Williams  |
| Nov 14 | S Telford United (FAC-1)  | D1-1 | -   | 2,758 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering   | Williams  |
| Nov 17 | T TELFORD UNITED (FACR-1) | W2-0 | -   | 3,083 | Marples☆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering   | Williams  |
| Nov 21 | S Exeter City             | L1-2 | 20  | 2,217 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Pickering▼2 | Williams  |
| Nov 24 | T BOLTON WANDERERS (FRT)  | L1-3 | -   | 2,123 | Marples☆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson◆  | Scott       | Williams  |
| Nov 27 | F COLCHESTER UNITED       | D1-1 | 20  | 1,703 | Marples  | Bullock☆  | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott       | Williams  |
| Dec 5  | S Runcom (FAC-2)          | W1-0 | -   | 3,102 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott       | Williams  |
| Dec 11 | F Cambridge United        | L0-2 | 20  | 1,475 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott       | Williams  |
| Dec 19 | S SCARBOROUGH             | D1-1 | 21  | 1,779 | Marples☆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott       | Williams  |
| Dec 26 | S WREXHAM                 | D1-1 | 21  | 2,504 | Marples☆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott◆      | Williams◆ |
| Dec 28 | M Bolton Wanderers        | L1-2 | 22  | 6,607 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Scott▼1     | Williams  |
| Jan 1  | F Tranmere Rovers         | L0-4 | 22  | 3,670 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey▼1   | Robinson   | WillisD◆    | Williams☆ |
| Jan 2  | S ROCHDALE                | D1-1 | 22  | 2,441 | Marples  | Bullock   | Farnaby▲   | Robinson   | Willis      | Williams  |
| Jan 9  | S LEYTON ORIENT (FAC-3)   | L1-2 | -   | 4,410 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson☆  | Thorpe      | Williams  |
| Jan 16 | S Wolverhampton Wanderers | D1-1 | 22  | 8,872 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Thorpe      | Williams◆ |
| Jan 23 | S Leyton Orient           | D1-1 | 22  | 4,205 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson☆  | Thorpe      | Williams  |
| Jan 29 | F NEWPORT COUNTY          | W5-1 | 21  | 2,509 | Marples  | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson 1 | Thorpe      | Williams  |
| Feb 6  | S Carlisle United         | L0-2 | 23  | 1,842 | Marples◆ | Bullock   | Bailey     | Robinson   | Thorpe      | Williams  |
| Feb 12 | F BOLTON WANDERERS        |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Feb 19 | F Swansea City            |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Feb 27 | S Cardiff City            |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Mar 2  | T SCUNTHORPE UNITED       |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Mar 4  | F HALIFAX TOWN            |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Mar 12 | S Peterborough United     |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Mar 18 | F BURNLEY                 |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Mar 26 | S Hereford United         |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Apr 2  | S Torquay United          |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Apr 4  | M EXETER CITY             |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Apr 9  | S Hartlepool United       |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Apr 22 | F CREWE ALEXANDRA         |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| Apr 29 | F Colchester United       |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| May 2  | M CAMBRIDGE UNITED        |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
| May 7  | S Scarborough             |      |     |       |          |           |            |            |             |           |
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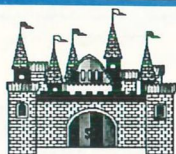
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| 6  | Darlington     | 29 | 13 | 7  | 9  | 48 | 39 | 46  |
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| 8  | Burnley        | 30 | 13 | 6  | 11 | 38 | 43 | 45  |
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| 24 | Newport Co     | 29 | 5  | 4  | 20 | 25 | 61 | 19  |

\* 1pt deducted for fielding unregistered player  
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## KEY TO TABLE

- D Debut
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- ◆ Player booked
- ▲ Player sent off
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- Home games in bold
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## Supporters News

The recent dismal weather - of which County fans bore the BRUNT ON Saturday at Carlisle, would be enough to put even the most avid fan off watching football. Not so - the County fans! At our last home game over 2,500 fans turned up in the wind and rain to witness the second half demolition of Newport County. Speaking of which, in all the local papers the Newport match was labelled as a 'nine pointer' - if that was the case - then why did we only move up one place?

Anyway, that excellent result was followed by our away trip to Carlisle and along came the end of our short but sweet unbeaten run. The recent results have however boosted the Supporters Club's falling membership. Over 300 fans have now paid the £1.50 renewal fee this term - for which they have enjoyed some tremendous entertainment. Top speakers from the world of football regularly drop in at our monthly meetings. Recent guests include Tommy Docherty, Paul Power, Perry Suckling and Jimmy Meadows.

Last Monday - our February meeting was attended by Piccadilly Radio's Mike Sweeney (what a popular chap!). Every meeting begins with a video of a recent County game - this is followed by an update of events at the Club and then the remainder of the evening is usually taken up by the guest speakers. Not bad for £1.50! - per year!

Another benefit was re-introduced last Saturday when the Supporters Club returned to the highway in the form of coach travel. We took a 'members only' coach to Carlisle - and back! - and it was very successful. In fact the driver was full of praise for everyone on board - for their outstanding behaviour.

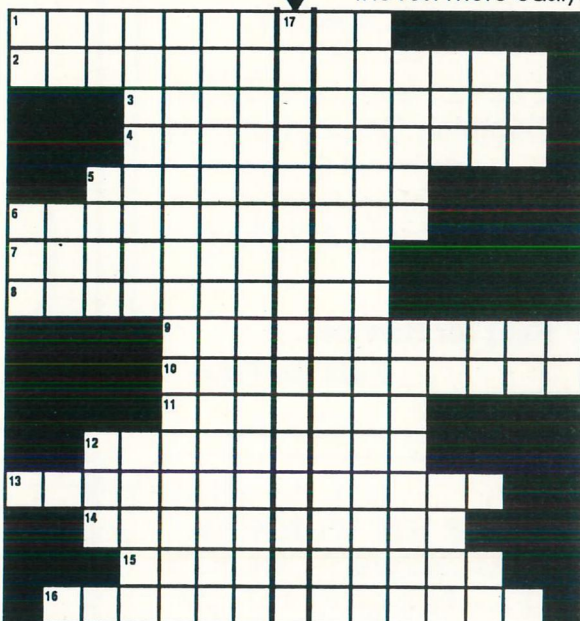
Once again the Supporters Club football team didn't play last Sunday, because the referee didn't have the heart to disturb the ducks swimming on the pitch. Hopefully this Sunday the ducks leader - Malcolm Ard - known to his friends as Mallard, will have gone and we can resume our league programme.

Finally tonight 'Thankyou' is the word required for our raffle sponsors and once again it is a couple who regularly support Supporters Club events - namely Cath and Johnny Price - able hosts of the 'Grey Horse'.

# COUNTY SOCCERWORD

## NUMBER 18.

◆ Try this half-time teaser - clue 17 will help you to solve the rest more easily.



### CLUES ACROSS

1. Second Div toppers (5,5)
2. Top competition (11,3)
3. Devil's base (3,8)
4. Visitor's home (7,4)
5. Everton ace (3,6)
6. E.P. boss (3,8)
7. Where Wolves are (2,2,3,3)
8. The Doc's last maybe (10)
9. Don's 'keeper (4,7)
10. League's new boys (11)
11. Italian team (1,1,5)

12. North End's best ever (3,6)
13. Roker man (6,7)
14. Dumbarton manager (6,4)
15. Argentine XI (5,5)
16. Geordie prospect (4,9)

### CLUE DOWN

17. Programme feature (4,2,3,7)

(Answers in next issue)

### SOLUTION TO SOCCERWORD NUMBER 17.

- 1) Trevor Morley 2) Martin Peters 3) Bob Colville 4) Azteca 5) Andy Thorpe 6) Cowdenbeath 7) Lyn Oslo 8) Elton John 9) Dixie McNeil 10) Somerton Park 11) Billy Wright 12) The Cobblers 13) The Valley 14) George Eastham 15) Stamford Bridge 16) John Aston 17) Melchester Rovers



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# NEWS ON FOUR

HOWARD JONES



Blow me the lads lost at Carlisle United last weekend and to be quite honest I could hardly believe it - not after such a great showing against Newport County I couldn't.

But football's a crazy old game aptly illustrated by a couple of results last Saturday when Wolves, top of the table, lost 4-1 - yes, 4-1 at home to Cardiff City who to be fair have hardly been scoring goals away from Ninian Park this term and Hartlepool United who won 2-0 at Leyton Orient.

Not even First Division Nottingham Forest found life easy going at Brisbane Road but little humble Hartlepool found life so much easier in the Eastend to register their fifth away success of the campaign.

Two games fell foul of the weather again, those at Wrexham, where Exeter were the visitors and at Darlington who should have been playing Peterborough United at Feethams.

As for the rest, well our visitors tonight, Bolton Wanderers, stepped up their challenge by defeating Hereford United 1-0 at Burdon Park, where a late Robbie Savage goal did the trick.

A second half goal by Ron Hildersley was enough to send Torquay United back home without a point at Cambridge United, while Rochdale, thanks to two own goals from the Scunthorpe United defence won them the game at Spotland. Andy Flounders netting for United in front of the days smallest crowd - just 1,455.

Swansea City and Burnley met at the Vetch Field in a clash that could have put either one of these clubs back

in the promotion race. As it was each had to be content with a poor i-a-piece from a goalless draw.

Newcomers Scarborough have rather dropped off in form recently and that trend continued at the weekend when an Ian Muir goal, his 14th of the season in the Barclays League made it seven games without defeat for rejuvenated Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park.

Shock of the day came at Molineux where Cardiff City thrashed top notchers Wolves with four second-half goals from Jimmy Gilligan and Paul Wimbleton who got two each. Steve Bull's 17th goal of the campaign not being enough to save Wolves from a real mauling.

Friday nights fixtures saw Crewe Alexandra inflicting another defeat on Colchester United down at Layer Road by the staggering margin of 4-1, while bottom slot Newport County bounced back after last weeks 5-1 drubbing at Edgeley Park to defeat Halifax Town 1-0, thanks to an Adrian Mann second-half effort.

As for ourselves, well we came unstuck in no uncertain terms losing 2-0 at Carlisle United where Wes Saunders and a Billy Wright penalty did the damage.

There was a booking too for County 'keeper Chris Marples but not for the incident that led up to the penalty decision.

Although our defeat and Newport's victory has closed the gap at the bottom to 10 points, it's fair to say that the gap is really 11 - our goal difference being superior - 13 as against Newport's 36.

With 11 points only at the top between first and 11th placed clubs, the run in to the promotion race is at last starting to hot up. It's anyone's guess as to who the three lucky teams will be but I'll stick my neck out and predict, Wolves, Cardiff and Leyton Orient, with Bolton, Burnley and Swansea City contesting the play-off slots.

This weekend brings up a number of interesting games:- Burnley v Darlington

Cardiff City v Colchester United  
Crewe Alexandra v Newport County  
Exeter City v Wolves

Halifax Town v Carlisle United  
Hartlepool United v Rochdale  
Hereford United v Wrexham  
Peterborough United v Tranmere Rovers  
Scarborough v Cambridge United  
Scunthorpe United v Leyton Orient  
Torquay United v Swansea City

The next two weekends see County making almost the same journey south. Next Friday we travel to Swansea City, while eight days later we take on Cardiff City.

Which reminds me, if you have any ideas for next season's programme I would like to know about them. Just drop me a line c/o the Club, stating your ideas and if there are any budding artists among you, then perhaps you would like to design a cover for next season's programme!

## Merchantile Credit Football League Centenary



It looks like a photo-finish in the Merchantile Credit Centenary Festival League. Even though most clubs have played 13 of their 15 qualifying games, only two clubs are certain of a trip to Wembley on April 16 and 17.

Liverpool are in an unassailable position at the top of Division One but the remaining seven places could be filled by any of the 11 top clubs. Wimbledon can feel reasonably secure with 25 points from 13 games - but Norwich with 14 points from 11 games could still stage a major upset.

In Division Two, Blackburn Rovers are celebrating their second trip to Wembley in two years after their success in the Full Members Cup last season. "Qualifying over a 15 game period must be the hardest way to get to Wembley," says manager Donald Mackay, "compared with a cup competition of only five or six games."

"We are delighted and especially proud as Rovers are one of the founder members of the League. We are looking forward tremendously to helping celebrate the League's 100th birthday."

Accompanying Blackburn from Division Two will be three of the teams from the current top six positions - Aston Villa (also a founder member), Crystal Palace (who have never played at Wembley), Millwall, Leeds United or Middlesbrough.

In Division Three, any two of five teams could make the trip: Sunderland and Wigan are favourites but challenging hard are Notts County (another founder member), Walsall and Brentford.

Division Four is still wide open - nine teams are in contention with Wolves and Tranmere - still hunting their local Merseyside neighbours - in pole positions.

Tickets for the Festival of Football will be available through all 92 League clubs with priority going to supporters clubs and membership schemes.

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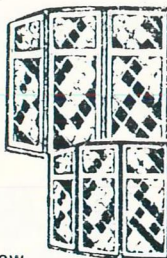
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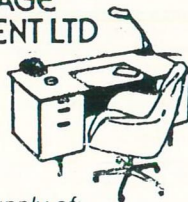
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# COUNTY PROMOTIONS

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Just a few things happening shortly that should interest the ardent County fans.

Firstly the pie & peas are now being served hot as well, only joking Karen.

There is a Sportsman's Dinner coming up with guest speakers Duncan McKenzie, the great Leeds United and Everton extrovert that used to jump over cars and throw cricket balls great distances, and a second speaker called Wondering Walter, a very funny man indeed.

The venue is Cheadle Town FC, Park Road, Cheadle, on the 12th April, the price a very modest £12 which includes a first class meal and of course your entertainment for the evening, if you fancy a good night give me a ring early to make certain of your tickets.

Your evening has been organised by the Stockport County Executive Association, as I have said before a body of men that do not get the recognition they deserve for the splendid work they achieve behind the scenes at Edgeley Park.

And secondly we are soon to be opening a Souvenir Shop on the ground itself which will be opened on match nights, so you can purchase the many County Souvenirs now on sale either before or after the match.



Manager **ASA HARTFORD** like cover man, **FRANK WORTHINGTON** are both ex-Bolton favourites. Asa is pictured 'in the limelight' as BBC cameras captured his thoughts minutes after our magnificent 1-1 draw at Leyton Orient a few weeks ago.

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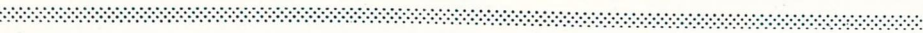


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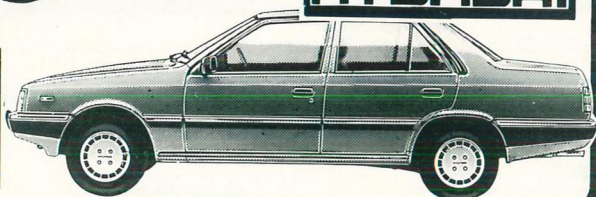
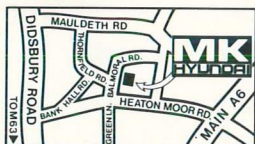
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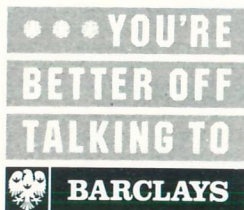
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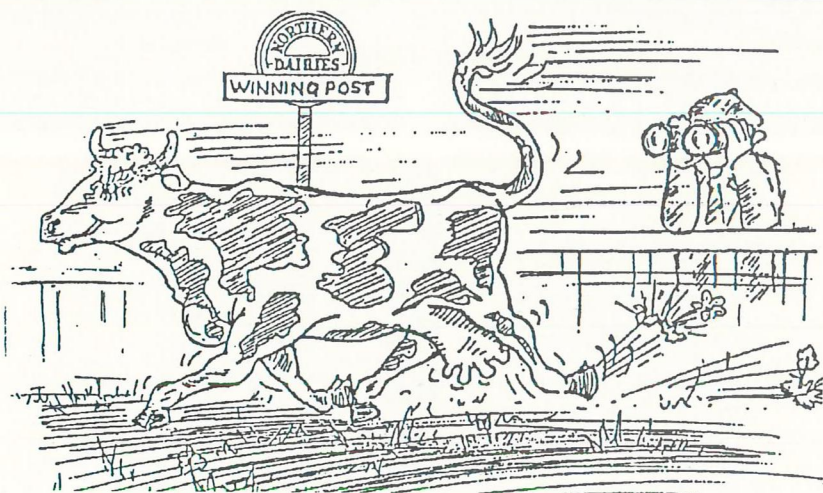


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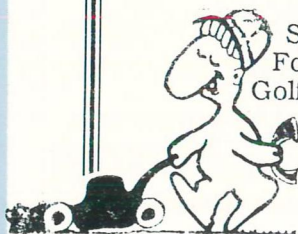
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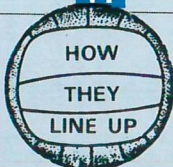
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